

Remarks

The Amendments

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amended claims. Claims 1-9 and 18 have been canceled as being drawn to a non-elected invention. No new matter is added by this amendment.

Rejection of Claims 10-17 Under Non-Statutory Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claims 10-17 stand rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 1-10 of U.S. Pat. No. 7,153,702 (the '702 patent).

Applicants disagree that the instant claims are obvious over the '702 patent as asserted by the Office. However, in order to advance prosecution, applicants have enclosed a terminal disclaimer over the '702 patent. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

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